

# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

## Mass intentions for Oct. 4, 2020 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Saturday, 5 p.m. —**

† Ray Spratt

By: Carmen Spratt

**Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —**

† Ron Decio

By: Fr. Dennis

**9:30 a.m. —**

† Jennifer Cruz

By: Cruz family

**Wednesday, noon —**

Vocations

By: Knights of Columbuss

## Parish Life

**Rosary Rally** — A rosary will be prayed for America at noon Saturday, Oct. 10, at Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Elizabethton, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. All are invited. For more information, please contact Judy Kilby at 926-9371.

**Knights Meeting** — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, after the rosary at 5:30. Both will take place downstairs in the church hall. All members are welcome and invited to attend.



**Seminarian Education Collection** — The diocesan collection for seminarian education is this weekend and next weekends (Oct. 3-4 and Oct. 10-11).

**Congratulations** — Congratulations to Maristella Grubb, daughter of Matt and Kathleen Grubb, who was baptized Sept. 27.

## Dispensation

Catholics living in the diocese are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. While not required, participating in Mass online is encouraged.



## THE VINEYARD

A grape vineyard is a highly specialized kind of farm. The plants produce vines that can reach up to 56 feet. Unless pruned, most of the growth goes into vines and tendril branches. The farmer trims the plant and cuts the most fruitful branches to graft onto other vines. In Israel, armed guards in watchtowers then protected the vines, and a thorn hedge prevented outsiders from stealing the grapes at harvest time. The bible compares the people of Israel with a vine taken from Egypt and cultured by God. Isaiah prophecies that God has found little fruit in his "vineyard" except for wild, bitter grapes.

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## Weekly readings

**Monday**

Galatians 1:6-12

Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday**

Galatians 1:13-24

Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday**

Our Lady  
of the Rosary  
Galatians 2:1-2,  
7-14

Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday**

Galatians 3:1-5

Luke 11:5-13

**Friday**

Galatians 3:7-14

Luke 11:15-26

**Saturday**

Galatians 3:22-29

Luke 11:27-28

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of Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalm 23:1-6

Philippians 4:12-14,  
19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

## Saintly Wisdom

"No duty  
is more urgent  
than that  
of returning  
thanks."

— St. Ambrose —

## 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Oct. 4, 2020

**Reading 1**

(Isaiah 5:1-7)

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

**Responsorial Psalm**

(Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20)

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.** A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it. It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit, The boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it? Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.



**Reading 2**

(Philippians 4:6-9)

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in

everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

**Gospel**

(Matthew 21:33-43)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.

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